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For: ACTUATOR AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING A STRAIN ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

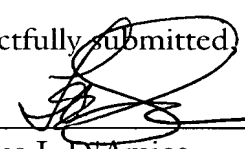
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003, in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, Applicants respectfully cancel claims 9-11 and 18-25. Claim 6 was cancelled in an Amendment dated May 30, 2003.

The allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12-17 and 26 is gratefully acknowledged. All of the formal concerns raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Allowance of the application with claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12-17 and 26 is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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